Subject: Chat with Robert Green
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me: I wrote a piece in which I reveal the existence of a massive surveillance program targeting the Arab world
me: and it was set to appear on al-Jazeera's web site yesterday as part of a series
me: on OpMetalGear
Robert: but...
me: then at the last minute some American editor with a background in radio jumped in and told me to rewrite it to "humanize" it and make it more "punchy"
me: so I cancelled the series
Robert: ah
me: any idea who might be willing to run it?
me: I'll e-mail it to you now
Robert: have you approached The Nation?
Robert: that's where i have any juice
Robert: as my dad is on the editorial board
Robert: and i know the regime quite well
me: I sent an e-mail to Roane Carey, a managing editor
Robert: my old boss
me: but I've written to Nation before and never heard back
Robert: ok, i'm going to send it to my dad and get it started that way.
me: awesome, thanks
Robert: he's sort of a retired eminence grise there these days, but katrina does like him and listens to him
me: this is the most important piece I've ever done so I didn't want it fucked with by some yahoo
Robert: word
me: I'd just as soon run it on Daily Kos
Robert: sure, i understand
Robert: but the nation makes more noise
me: yeah, I'd prefer that